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AN AMATEUR CONCERT.
IN AID OF THE ABOVE FUND,
will be given in
WEST BROWNS HALL, CITY HALL,
On THURSDAY NEXT.

PROGRAMME.

PART I.

—OVERTURE (for two Pianos); "Athalie,"
MENDLSOHN.

—MR. HALL, Dr. D. CLOVER, Mr. RENNELL, and
Mr. SARGENT.

—CHORUS. "Lark Melody," Arranged by C.
HALL.

—MEMBERS OF THE GERMAN LIEBESFESTEL.

—SOLO. "Fragliola alla Madonna," A. TER-
SAZIN (with Orchestral accompaniment
Violin, Violoncello, Horns, and
Piano).

Mrs. ROBINSON.

—SOLO (Violoncello), "Variations," MEN-
DLSOHN.

—MR. W. VON BÖNER.

—PIANOFORT—SOLO. "Waldescegen," R.
SCHUMANN.

Mr. RENNELL.

—CHORUS, "Der Jäger Abschied," MEN-
DELSSOHN.
MEMBERS OF THE GERMAN LIEBESSTAFEL.

PART II.

—OVERTURE (for two pianos), "Son and
Stranger," MENDELSSOHN.

MRS. HALL, Dr. CLOUTH, Mr. RENNELL, and
Mr. SARGSTER.

—SOLO, Cavaillon, from "L'Assedio di Leida,"
B. PETRILLA.

MRS. HARRISON.

—CONCERTO IN A MINOR, Opus 54, R.
SCHUMANN.

Mr. RENNELL and Dr. CLOUTH.

—QUARTETTE (Vocal).

MEMBERS OF THE GERMAN LIBERTASCHAP.
1.—SOLG (Barthelme), married, SCHUMANN,
2.—CHORUS, "In der Heimath," CARL WIL-
HELM.
MEMBERS OF THE GERMAN LIBERTASCHAP.
1.—Jekots \$2 each, to be had at Messrs. LANE,
RAWFORD & Co's—where a Flaga of the Hall
may be seen—on and after Tuesday, the 30th
Inst.
Doors open at 8.30 P.M., to Commence at
P.M.
Hongkong, 29th October, 1877. [1603
NOTICE
THE Undersigned by to inform the Public
that their friends, TSANG HUNG FUN,
& Co., who have just returned to this Colony from
Siam, have concluded an Agreement with the
Government of Siam for the purchase of the right to
work, to be fully discovered rich gold mine at Mong

As, near Saigon.

It is said THANG HUNG FUX has made arrangements with the Government for a Part-venture in order to carry on the enterprise, any persons who wish to go to the Digging are requested to come and consult with the Under-Secretary.

Two Steamers will leave HONGKONG for SAIGON every MONTH at regular intervals.

SINGAPORE, 11th Nov. 1877.

112, Wing Lok Street, Praya West.

Hongkong, 8th November, 1877. [2w1644

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM LONDON, LIVERPOOL, BOMBAY, AND SINGAPORE.

THE "Tanna" Steamship
"CITY OF LIMERICK" having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk and stored in the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence "from the Wharf or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Orders for Goods to be forwarded to Shanghai must be given to the contrary is given before

1 P.M. T.O. DAY.
Cargo remaining undelivered after the 13th
instant will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned, after
Consignees have signed the Averara Bond, by
BIRLEY & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 2nd November, 1877. 1637

STEAMSHIP "ANADYR"
COMPAGNIE DES MESAGERIES
MARITIMES.

NOTICE
CONSIGNEES of Cargo per Steamships
"MENZALPH" and "RANG".

from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Goods remaining on board will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignee before One o'clock TO-DAY, the 2nd instant, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after FRIDAY, the 5th instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. DE POUEY.

Hongkong, 2nd November, 1877. Agent.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer
"PRIAM".

are hereby notified that the Cargo is being dis-

charged into Craft, and landed at the Godowns of the Undersigned; in both cases it will lie at Consignees' risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Craft or Godown on and after the 1st October, 1877.

Goods consigned after the 5th November, 1877, will be subject to Rent.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents,
Hongkong, 30th October, 1877. [1611]

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG, AND
SINGAPORE.

THE British Steamship "HINDOSTAN,"
Captain Macleish, having arrived from the
above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are re-

requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the
 Undersigned for CounterSignature, and to take
 immediate delivery of their Goods.
 Cargo impeding our discharge will be at once
 landed and stored at Consignee's risk and ex-
 pense.
 DAVID SASSOON, SCNS & Co.,
 Agents.
 Hongkong, 30th October, 1897. [1w1614]
 BRITISH BARQUE "ELMSTONE,"
 FROM LONDON.
 CONSIGNEES of Cargo per above Vessel
 are hereby requested to send in their Bill
 of Lading to the Undersigned for CounterSig-
 niture, and to take immediate delivery of their

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' Risk and expense

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 19th October, 1877. [1564]

BRITISH BARK "MILBREK" FROM
LONDON

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above Vessel are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Under-signed for Counter-Signature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel

will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and
expense.

ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 15th October, 1877. [17354]

EXTRACTS.

"THE AGE WE LIVE IN."
Oh, what a blessed age is ours!
What contentment and feeling!
Man to his brother man no good—
And kind a brother revealing!
We show our malice how we spite
And slander at the thought of light.
Oh, what a glorious age is ours!
Such faith and self-adoring!
Such charity and holy zeal—
Such confidence when trying!
Churchmen, Dissenters, Churchmen, Doubt
Are with a personal link connect.
Oh, what a glorious age is ours!
No more for men to quarrel!
Judge Hanks holds a jubilee
Mid "friendship" all the while!
The Court is closed, the shanties fast—
Directors a flock of the past!
Oh, what an honest age is ours!
No picking, sneaking, cheating!
No tales of doings told on "Change."
We feel no need repeating!
The English Channel is in force
As never before, of course.
Oh, what a peaceful age is ours!
No wars or warlike rumours!
No revolutions, massacres,
Or popes in the hands!
The lion with the lamb is abroad,
And Rose and Turkey anise together!
Oh, what a happy age is ours!
No worshipping of money!
Life is a smile for every one,
And smiles are always sunny,
And the great good of the world
Are pests that perish long ago.
Oh glorious age! Oh golden age!
Surpassing all before this.
We know the right, we're ready
To do the good, we're glad to be!
Age of the great good, the wise!
And not a wrinkle in our eyes!
—DIOGENES in *Whitaker's Review*.

AMUSING SCENE IN PARIS.

Here is an amusing comedy of errors with a Parisian edge. Mme. de V. was very jealous, and determined to watch her husband. One day he told her he was going to Versailles, and when he went out she put on her bonnet and followed him. She kept him in sight until he turned into a passage which shortened the way to the railway station, where she missed him. She stood for ten minutes in the passage looking about, and suddenly saw a man coming out of a glove-shop with a rather over-dressed lady. From the distance she made sure the man was her husband, and without a word of warning she gave him three or four sounding blows on the ear. The gentleman turned round to confront her, and she perceived that she had made a mistake, and at the same moment she caught sight of her husband, who had replenished his cigar-case at a tobacconist's, and was crossing the street. What could she do? It goes without saying that she fainted in the arms of the stranger, whose ears she boxes—while the other lady boxed a king, and could not avoid scandal. The stranger, who was a comedian, was astonished to find an unknown lady in his arms; and while his ears were still tingling from her blows, he was again startled. A gentleman collared him, and shaking him roughly asked him what he meant by embracing a lady in the street. "Why, she boxed my king," he cried, and screamed the actor. "She is my wife," he shouted the irate husband, "and would never have struck you without cause." The infuriated gentleman shook their fists until the lady, who had been carried into a shop, recovered sufficiently to explain how it had happened.

THE QUEEN'S NEW SUBJECTS.

The state of anxiety started up, and the queen, the Hottentots covered in his hair to listen, and the "dun hat" breath of war floated away on the African breeze. The Dutchman fought bravely, but they could not stand before the British fire, and the battle of Boon Platz was lost. Their leader, Pretorius, became a fugitive and an outlaw; a price was set upon his head; and he fled to the Orange River, where he was captured by the British in 1848. The Republic was born. A few years before Natal had been annexed; and many of the Dutch settlers, or Boers as they are called, dissatisfied with the change of government emigrated under the leadership of Pretorius. He was only a farmer, but a man of immense courage and energy, such a man in the olden times would have been a king, a ruler, a hero, "unfined in speech." He led them over the Drakenberg Mountains, across the Vaal or Yellow river (whence *Transvaal*), into the wild desert, where, with wonderful endurance they faced the danger from savage men and beasts. In the solitude of the vast African plains they had food and water, and the Orange River was reached in 1848, they gave battle as before related. For three years after Pretorius was an outlaw. In 1852 the Transvaal Republic was formally acknowledged as independent, and Pretorius became the first president. On the 12th of April, 1877, British sovereignty was proclaimed, and the republic came to an end, after a short existence of just a quarter of a century. —*Queen's Family Magazine*.

A FRIEND IN NEED.

Here is another case in which a stranger at Naples was introduced in an amusing manner to the mysterious "Camorra." The stranger, a young Italian from the North, had ordered a suit of clothes. The tailor called so long in sending them, that soon to the unfortunate attention in the position of the customer made him fear that when at last the clothes should be brought home he would not have the means of paying for them. In this embarrassment the young man confided his trouble to a Neapolitan friend. The latter, having heard the case, says that he thinks there will be no difficulty in arranging the matter, and will see to it. An hour later he came back and said, "Now all you have to do is to tell the tailor that he has made you wait so long, you can wait no more; things must be sent within the twenty-four hours, or the clothes will not be received, and he will not be finished in the time." The young man went to the tailor. The clothes were not sent. The stranger was freed from his bargain. A day or two afterwards, however, his Neapolitan friend returned. "Well, it was all right about the clothes," he said. "Oh, yes, all right. The fellow never sent them. I am so much obliged to you, Oh! I cannot make my old suit last a little longer, that's all." "But," the young man said, "I would have had to pay a hundred and twenty francs!" "Yes, I suppose so," he said. "Well, then, hand over my share!" "Your share?" "Yes, to be sure you owe me forty francs." "And in a word, the friend in need being a Neapolitan, the money had to be paid, and the Neapolitan was made to understand that at Naples, at least, *de diebus non sumus*, on *de diebus non sumus*." —*The Gentleman's Magazine*.

MONGOL INVASIONS OF JAPAN.

The Mongol wars of the thirteenth century, some of the details of which are described in Mr. Watanabe's second instalment of his *Chikuzen* sketches, are variously treated by Japanese historians, all of whom, however, agree upon the main points of these momentous contests. It is unnecessary to say that the records left in existing form of the Mongol triumphs achieved by Japan, and undoubtedly effective repulsion of so formidable an enemy afforded ample warrant for national self-gratulation. The attempts of the Mongol ruler, first to intimidate and afterwards to subjugate Japan, began soon after the great conquest upon the continent. He instructed the King of Korea to transmit to his country a demand for submission, but that monarch excused himself from compliance on the ground of having no means of communication with the islands. Kublai sent a messenger directly to Japan, bearing the letter addressed to our country, and with a somewhat different translation, given by Elaphoth, as follows:—
"I am the prince of a kingdom which formerly was but small; but it united alliances with its neighbours, which united themselves with a complete confidence, and they lived together with it in the most charming harmony. Moreover, my ancestors, by following the exact commands of Heaven, extended their possessions over the territory of Hia, over distant dependencies and other strange countries, which, fearing their power and admiring their virtue, submitted in numbers beyond computation. Upon your accession to the throne, the innocent people of Korea had for a long time been afflicted with war; I ordered this to be stopped and caused my troops to return from her frontiers. The old and the young king of that country then came to my court, in order to testify to my gratitude for the benefits which we had bestowed upon them. In fact, the emperor and the royal family united on this occasion as if they had been father and son. Korea is, as you know, our most eastern possession; Japan is Korea's neighbour, and from generation to generation it has sent, as was due, its tribute to China. It is only under our reign that an ambassador has come to reestablish the good relations which, well of course, exist, which ought to exist between us. I have doubts as to the knowledge of your country's king upon this subject, and I will not enter into details about the matter; but if he will send me an embassy, he shall know my intentions. The Sage would have it that all which is included within the four corners of the globe should be united, but if perfect union is in one single family do not exist, we shall find ourselves forced to have recourse to arms, to restore it. A good king should reflect upon this."
Hitherto, who deals very briefly with this episode of Japanese history doubts the authenticity of the above letter, but it is perfectly true that the letter, as it is, is a copy of the Chinese chronicle. He does not, however, fully explain the reasons of its inauthenticity. It is true that the account of Marco Polo, quoted by him, has no mention of the mission, nor of more than one attempt at invasion, but the Italian traveller's information was supplied from Mongol sources, and would be likely to contain nothing to make the defiance of Kublai's demands or the defeat of his armies appear excessive. Polo's narration, moreover, is so marked by obvious inaccuracies that it can hardly be accepted as trustworthy or sufficient in all respects. The pure Chinese writers did make allusion to the letter, and described its contents in a way that corresponds with the Japanese version.

It would appear that a communication from the King of Korea, supporting the pretensions of Kublai, was received at the same time and found equally objectionable. The messengers were sent home unsatisfied. But they were succeeded by others in 1271 and 1272, headed on each occasion, by the same emissaries, and given to the respective monarchs, and he was allowed to visit neither Kioto nor Kamakura. He was, however, permitted to take with him to China, on his return, an officer named Yashiro, who, according to Japanese annals, was treated with great distinction at the Moko (Mongol) court, and accorded all the honours of an ambassador, though without the usual rights to the condition, spirit, and resources of his country. Repeated repulses appear to have at last roused the temper of Kublai, who decreed an expedition of nine hundred ships, containing twenty-five thousand Mongol warriors and eight thousand Korean sailors. The sailors of the fleet were divided into six thousand hundred, the details are explicit as to hardly justify the doubts expressed by different authors in the descriptions by different authors of the events that followed a discrepancy certainly appears. The scene of the conflict which ensued is said by some to have been the coast of the island of Iki, and by others that of the island of Iki. In further particulars the agreement is exact; and, indeed, the naval engagement may well have taken place in the channel between the two islands, which is of no great breadth. The Chinese general second in command was killed by an arrow, and the Korean leader was drowned. A violent storm scattered the invading ships, and the fleet was largely destroyed and more than half of them destroyed. Only about thirteen thousand five hundred men, of the original forty thousand, are said to have survived and escaped to the Korean shore, whence they had set out.

Apparently with the view of making additional efforts toward the establishment of peaceful relations with the enemy, a mission was despatched in 1277 from China, by way of Korea, accompanied by a negotiating mission from that kingdom. They were received in a manner which should have been taken as a warning. Three of the visitors who were allowed to go to Kamakura, the others being detained at the place where they had landed. Their reception was not very cordial, and they were probably given free passage for irritation, since, when another and the last of the Mongol envoys came, in 1275, he was conveyed from Nagato (Ohsu), where he disembarked, a prisoner to the Hopy capital, and after being detained in captivity four years, was benighted. This was the signal for a new and more vigorous despatch of the confederated, that through word of an army consisting of one hundred and eighty thousand Chinese, and forty thousand Mongols and Koreans. They sailed for Japan in the autumn of 1281, but from the very beginning their enterprise miscarried. Their fleet was seized with illness just before starting, and did not land there, but after a short stay, developing upon a second officer, who was unprovided with a plan of the campaign. The various divisions of the force became separated. If does not appear that the majority of them ever reached the main land of Iki. About the end of the seventh month, the Mongol fleet was utterly defeated by the troops assembled in Chikuzen by the order of Hojo of Kamakura. The Imperial Court having confined its precautionary measures to an invocation for help from the ancestral gods. Respecting the final catastrophe, the historians are not in agreement, but it is probable, however, that the Chinese division, which arrived later upon the scene, was at first prevented from assuming hostilities by the famous tempest attributed to the breath of the "wind god," and that most of the thirty-five hundred ships of which the fleet was composed were disabled, that the soldiers and sailors

were obliged to take refuge upon an island either Iki or Hirado. The Mongol general abandoned his men, and returned in flight to China. The disorganized army were preparing as best they could for defence, and seeking for material with which to build a rough means of communication over the water, when, on the seventh day of the eighth month, they were once more set upon, and this time completely overwhelmed. More than half of them were driven into the sea, many were slaughtered outright, and thirty thousand were put to a more ignominious death at Hakata. Three men only, whose names are still preserved, were allowed to depart in safety to carry home the tremendous intelligence.

Such, briefly, is the history of the famous Mongol wars of the thirteenth century, the culminating blow of which is vividly represented in a picture upon the Bank notes of modern Japan. The picture, in turn, being copied from an ancient painting in one of the Kioto temples. It will be seen that, although a tempest plays an important part in assisting the Japanese efforts on both occasions, and although there are evident irregularities of dates in one or two instances, we have no sufficient grounds for assuming that the expedition was a failure. With the exception of the storm, every feature of the two encounters is different. The Japanese historians are explicit in their records. Marco Polo's accuracy is invalidated by the circumstance that the date he assigns to the invasion is unmistakably wrong; moreover, he nowhere doubts that the attacks were made by Chinese, and even Persian, aid of the period narrates that the struggle was continued for a long time. The conclusion, on the whole, must be in favour of the truthfulness of Japanese annals, so far as the Mongol episode is concerned. —*Tokio Times*.

A TRUE STORY OF MAZEPPA'S RIDE.

A correspondent of the *New York Times* writes from Jassy as follows:—I was unsuccessful in my attempt to visit Barbooke, or rather to look at the bridge of Barbooke, so long as I limited myself to the town. I could go where I pleased, so was I told by the Russian officer in charge. There was nothing worth seeing here; it is a dirty little place now, but was once a Roman camp, under the name of Dinigritus, and is supposed to be the scene of the last stand made by the Ostragothi. Alaric against the Huns. Twelve miles further on is Galatz, and here I would go where I pleased. This was a commercial importance is so well known to all, but it is a dirty old and new town. The first along the Danube's bank is a filthy hole, with irregular thoroughfares paved with wood, and knee-deep in mud or dirt, according to the weather. The new town is much more habitable, the main avenues are in a respectable condition, the hotels are tolerably fair, and some of the shops really elegant. Still I would not go there, as it is a dirty hole, and the Danube's bank is a filthy hole, with irregular thoroughfares paved with wood, and knee-deep in mud or dirt, according to the weather. The new town is much more habitable, the main avenues are in a respectable condition, the hotels are tolerably fair, and some of the shops really elegant. Still I would not go there, as it is a dirty hole, and the Danube's bank is a filthy hole, with irregular thoroughfares paved with wood, and knee-deep in mud or dirt, according to the weather. The new town is much more habitable, the main avenues are in a respectable condition, the hotels are tolerably fair, and some of the shops really elegant. Still I would not go there, as it is a dirty hole, and the Danube's bank is a filthy hole, with irregular thoroughfares paved with wood, and knee-deep in mud or dirt, according to the weather. 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